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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION OF THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF NATO AND WARSAW  
PACT COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH 1982

REF: A. USNATO 4181

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1. MISSION OFFICERS MET WITH DIRECTOR, NATO COUNTRY SECTION,  
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE (VARLEY) TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS)  
PREPARATION OF ECONOMIC APPRECIATION FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH 1982.  
VARLEY INDICATED IS INTENDS TO CIRCULATE FIRST DRAFT OF ECONOMIC  
APPRECIATION BY END-AUGUST. THIS YEAR'S VERSION IS TO BE SHORTER  
THAN LAST VERSION OF ECONOMIC APPRECIATION (AC/127-D/436) AND IS  
TO BE MORE ORIENTED TOWARD ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES FOR DEFENSE IN  
ORDER TO PROVIDE A FIRMER LINK BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC APPRECIATION  
JUDGMENTS ON AVAILABILITY AND ALLOCATION OF DEFENSE RESOURCES AND  
MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. VARLEY EMPHASIZED (ALONG LINES OF REQUEST  
IN REFTEL A) NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROJECTED US GNP  
GROWTH, INFLATION, AND BALANCE OF PAYMENT TRENDS AND STRESSED  
THAT EVEN IF US PROJECTIONS COULD NOT BE QUANTIFIED, IS WOULD  
APPRECIATE GENERAL COMMENTS ON US POLICY OBJECTIVES IN THESE  
FIELDS AND GENERAL COMMENTS ON PRIORITY U.S. ATTACHES TO DEFENSE.  
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2. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF IMPORTANT U.S. ATTACHES TO MINISTERS'  
REACHING AGREEMENT IN DECEMBER ON KEY ELEMENTS OF A NEW AND  
MUCH MORE PRECISE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, INCLUDING RESOURCE  
GUIDANCE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF US COULD PROVIDE AT LEAST GENERAL

COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE POLICY OBJECTIVES REQUESTED IN  
PARA 1. IF OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF ECONOMIC  
APPRECIATION IS TO BE MET, WASHINGTON MAY HAVE TO CONDENSE REVIEW  
SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN REFTEL B.  
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